staff has prepared a draft report entitled "India — Development of the Electronics Industry — a Sector Report". This is an internal document of the World Bank. While the staff report has considered various issues related to the Electronics Industry, the World Bank as such has not made recommendations to the Government of India in this regard. Any decisions on concerned matters will be taken strictly according to India's own priorities and policies.

Productivity linked bonus

2828. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an *ex gratia* amount, equal to the productivity linked bonus is being paid to the Railway employees whose wages exceed Rs. 2500 but do not exceed Rs. 3500 per month;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the said benefit is being denied to the Central Government employees working in other Central Departments/Organisations; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken to redress their grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Railway employees (excluding those belonging to Railway Protection Force/Railway Protection Special Force) drawing wages exceeding Rs. 2500 per month but not exceeding Rs. 3500 per month were allowed an *ex gratia* payment equal to Productivity Linked Bonus as admissible on wages of Rs. 1600 per month, for the accounting year 1986-87.

(b) and (c) In view of the current austerity measures, the expenditure involved and the likely repercussions, it has been decided not to raise the eligibility ceiling of Rs. 2500 per month applicable in the case of Bonus schemes in force in other Government Departments.

2829. [*Transferred to the 23rd March, 1988*]

Construction of new jails in the country

2830. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places in the country where new jails were constructed during the last three years, Statewise;

(b) what are the names of the places where the construction work was started but could not be completed as on 31st December, 1987;

(c) what are the names of the places in the country where new jails are likely to be constructed during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90, Statewise;

(d) what are the details of amenities to be provided to the prisoners in such new jails; and

(e) what steps are being taken to ensure that dangerous prisoners do not run away from these jails?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (e) Requisite information on receipt from the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations shall be placed on the Table of the House.

Visit of a New Zealand trade delegation to India

2831. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a New Zealand trade delegation visited

India recently to explore possibilities of stepping up trade;

(b) if so, what are the details of the discussions held; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Mode of disposal of cars purchased by the STC from diplomatic missions in India

2832. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation purchases old foreign cars from various diplomatic missions in the Capital;

(b) if so, how many such cars were bought during 1987; and

(c) what is the mode of disposing of such cars within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In 1987, 451 cars were purchased in Delhi.

(c) The mode of disposal includes selling through open public tenders after issuing press notices in major/leading newspapers and for other usage including for tourist promotion and State Governors for use of visiting foreign dignitaries, etc.

Garment exports to Norway

2833. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken steps to expand garment trade with Norway;

(b) whether a textile pact has been signed between India and Norway for that purpose;

(c) if so, what are the details of the agreement which was signed recently; and

(d) what is the value of India's textile export to Norway during the last three years and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) Government has concluded a Bilateral Textile Agreement with Government of Norway under which 7 garment/textile items have been placed under quota restrictions. In addition to handloom made-ups and fabrics which enjoy quota-free access, handloom garments have been exempted from quota restriction for the first time within a limited ceiling. Base levels and growth rates for items under restrictions have been substantially increased as compared to the previous agreement.

(d) The export of cotton textiles and garments to Norway during the last three years was as under:—

	(Rs. in crores)
1985 . . .	8.47
1986 . . .	10.41
1987 . . .	11.37 (Provisional)

(SOURCE: Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council & Apparel Export Promotion Council.)

Transfer of Delhi Police personnel

2834. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government in transferring, a Constable, A.S.I. and S.I. in Delhi Police from one police station to another;